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Sri P. Ramamurthi :—" I am glad the Hon. the Chief Minister conceded that after the conference took place, raids took place—I emphasise the word 'raid'. Might I ask the Hon. the Chief Minister whether it is the duty of the police to go to the spot and investigate crimes where crimes had taken place or to conduct raids on villages if crime is alleged to have been committed? "

The Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari :—" I am glad that we are getting to be precise with our language. The word 'raid' has been used all through and I also used the word for the sake of convenience. I quite agree that there should be no 'raid', but investigation is often called 'raid'."

Representations received from the Ryots' Association, Pattukkottai taluk.

* 213 *Q.*—Sri S. Venkatarama Iyer : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the Ryots' Association and the Congress Panchayatdars' Conference, Pattukkottai taluk, requesting to revise the orders issued in the Governmnt Communiqué, dated 9th June 1952, regarding the levy of land revenue in the recently abolished inam and zamin villages taken over by the Government in Pattukkottai and Arantangi taluks;

(*b*) what action has been taken on the representations; and

(*c*) whether the Government will stay the collection of such enhanced land revenue pending final orders in the matter?

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker :—" (*a*) Yes. Several such representations have been received.

" (*b*) The representations are under the consideration of the Government.

" (*c*) The Government see no need to take such action."

Sri S. Venkatarama Iyer :—" Will the Government be pleased to see that the levy of the highest rate of Rs. 16-10-0 per acre is unjust and inequitable and the assessment rate in the villages taken over should be the same as in the ryotwari villages in the neighbourhood."

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker :—" I said that the whole thing was under the consideration of the Government."

Janab Mahamed Salih Maraikayar :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to say whether it is just and legal to levy ryotwari assessment on private lands in inam villages which were hitherto paying only a quit rent of annas eight or twelve per acre, without paying any compensation? "

Mr. Speaker :—" Is the hon. Member referring to Pattukkottai taluk? "

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JANAB MAHAMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR :—" Arantangi taluk, Sir."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" All these questions are under consideration, Sir."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister stated that all these questions were under the consideration of the Government. I wish to ask him, Sir, whether the matter as it relates to Pattukkottai alone is receiving his consideration or the question of disparity that obtains in the entire State."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" This question relates to a particular taluk and the answer naturally refers to that only."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Might I ask the Government, Sir, whether they can levy new taxes in the estates without the sanction of the Legislature?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No new taxes are levied. The lands that have been taken over are taxed under certain rules made under the Act."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the present assessment in respect of the lands in inam villages taken over by the Government is much higher than the assessment which the cultivators were wont to pay to their previous landholders?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It may or may not be, Sir."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know what the representations are that have been received from the Ryots' Association and the Congress Panchayat regarding the assessment on Pattukkottai and Arantangi zamin and inam lands taken over by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Various representations have been received and I am sure the hon. Member does not expect me to give the House a catalogue of all those things; it refers to the new basis upon which taxes are being levied."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is it not a fact that the Government issued a communiqué in respect of the lands in question in the month of June last stating that they concede the justice of the demands of the ryots of these taluks but that, none the less in view of the heavy commitment that the Government have already incurred and also in view of the fact that if this is conceded, they would have to concede the same concession in other areas also where this excessive levy obtains, the Government will not be in a position to concede those demands? Secondly, have the Government . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the Hon. Minister answer the first question."

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A communiqué was issued but as I understand the English language, no conceding could be inferred from it."

Detection of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Manjeri Police station.

* 214 Q.—JANAB K. M. SEETHI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the existence of a large number of serious crimes of recent happening undetected within the jurisdiction of the Manjeri Police station in Malabar;

(*b*) the reasons for the failure to detect the said crimes; and

(*c*) whether any special measures have been taken to detect the crimes and allay public anxiety?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There were two serious crimes of recent happening within the jurisdiction of Manjeri Police Station in Malabar. Of these, one was detected, but the other could not be detected in spite of vigorous efforts as no disinterested witnesses were available.

" (*c*) Every effort was made and intensive police patrolling of the villages of the area was also carried out. There is no need for public anxiety."

JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—" May I know, Sir, if in respect of the crimes that have not been detected, efforts to detect them will be continued? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member is aware that, with the lapse of time, evidence gets more and more unreliable and the court will not accept such evidence and to take it to court is of no use."

10-50 a.m. DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware of the statements issued by Malabar leaders in 'Mathruboomi,' complaining about frequent acquittals in murder cases that come up before the Sessions Court? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We cannot help these comments."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" The Hon. Chief Minister stated that two crimes were perpetrated in the locality in question. May I know what exactly these crimes were? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think they are murders and in addition some looting."

Salary of Hon. Chief Minister.

* 215 Q.—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Hon. the Chief Minister is drawing his pay as Chief Minister of this State in addition to his pension as ex-Governor-General of India, and if so, what the amount is?